

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 20, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SIMMONS made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 191.]

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George M. Weston, commissioner of the State of Maine, report:*

That the several claimants therein represented show title to thirty-two thousand and forty acres of land, comprehended in the township of Plymouth, in said State of Maine, and in a separate grant of ten thousand acres of land known as the Eaton grant in said State.

Of these two tracts of land eight thousand four hundred and thirty acres were taken possession of and occupied by settlers during the time the jurisdiction of the United States was suspended by arrangement with Great Britain, in what is known as the disputed territory in said State, and the bill accompanying this report provides for the payment for this quantity of land to the parties who had title thereto according to their respective shares therein, at the rate of two dollars per acre for the land, and two dollars per acre for the timber which had been taken therefrom prior to the settlement of boundary by the treaty of the 9th of August, 1842. Said bill further provides for the payment to said parties in like manner for the timber taken from the balance of said land, being twenty-three thousand six hundred and ten acres, at one dollar per acre for said timber, the same having been taken therefrom during the suspension of the jurisdiction of the United States and of the State of Maine.

For a full description of the title to said land, and the proofs of the value of the same, and of the timber taken therefrom, reference is had to two reports of this committee, the one made at the third session of the thirty-fourth Congress, (Senate No. 323,) the other at the first session thirty-fifth Congress, (Senate report No. 168.)

